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SUBJECT: CISL MINORITY MANIFESTO

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. CISL MINORITY MANIFESTO REAFFIRMS SARTORI STRATEGY OF NO IMMEDIATE SECESSION WHILE WORKING FROM WITHIN CISL TO PREVENT CGIL DOMINATION OF ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. CISL MINORITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE LED BY VITO SCALIA, ENZO LEOLINI, AND PAOLO SARTORI HAS PRODUCED "MANIFESTO" BASED ON FEBRUARY 13-15 MEETING WHICH IS TO BE SENT TO CISL CADRE AT ALL LEVELS FOR DEBATE. AS EXPECTED, MINORITY STATEMENT REAFFIRMS SARTORI POSITION OF WORKING FROM WITHIN CISL TO RESTORE PRINCIPALS OF FREE, AUTONOMOUS AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISM.

3. THREE THESES ARE EXPOUNDED WITH WHICH IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR MOST, EVEN WITHIN CISL MAJORITY, TO ARGUE AGAINST (A) ITALIAN UNIONS MUST NOT ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM LABOR MOVEMENTS IN OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OR FROM OTHER SECTORS OF ITALIAN SOCIETY.

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(B) ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT MUST ADOPT A POLICY OF STABILIZATION

AIMED AT GUARANTEEING EMPLOYMENT AND TRYING SALARIES TO PRODUCTIVITY AND (C) CONTRARY TO VIEWS OF CGIL, RECOURSE TO STRIKE MUST BE LAST RESORT. MOREOVER, MINORITY IS DECIDEDLY AGAINST COMMUNIST DESIGN FOR ORGANIC UNION UNITY WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE STEP TOWARDS LEGITIMIZATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY. FINALLY, MINORITY OPPOSES ANY LINKING OF TRADE UNIONISM WITH POLITICAL PARTIES.

4. COMMENT: WHILE SUBJECT DOCUMENT CITES UNANIMOUS DECISION FEBRUARY 13-15 MEETING TO RECONVENE TO VERIFY ABOVE CONCLUSIONS, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO RESULT IN STRENGTHENING SCALIA'S SECESSIONIST POSITION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MODERATE BUT FORTHRIGHT OPPOSITION TO COMMUNIST-CGIL DOMINATION OF THE ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT WHICH IS EXPRESSED MAY HELP FURTHER SLOW DOWN TRENDS TOWARD ORGANIC UNITY. VOLPE

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